

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, September 9, 2009, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary of DNREC)
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.	Lisa Embert (representing Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer)

Absent: Allen Messick, Jr., Ray Staats, Joseph Wick, and Lyn Davenport.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 997 farms in preservation districts totaling 147,090 acres, with a total of 565 farms under agricultural easements totaling 95,396 acres at a cost of \$158,328,076. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For PDR 16, there are a total of 9 farms, comprising 577 acres, with a value of \$6,895,414. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 34 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,506 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Areas Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 935 acres, with a value of \$1,414,428.

II. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Jarrell Expansion of the Hanson Agricultural District, ID#K-09-07-044O After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Jarrell Expansion of the Hanson Agricultural District, seconded by Lisa Embert. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Hastings Expansion #2 of the Hastings District, ID#S-08-12-251B. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Hastings Expansion #2 of the Hastings District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. Crisco Family #1 Expansion of the Clearbrook Farm District, ID#S-09-06-076A. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Crisco Family #1 Expansion of the Clearbrook Farm District , seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

4. Crisco Family #2 Expansion of the Clearbrook Farm District, ID#S-09-06-076B. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Crisco Family #2 Expansion of the Clearbrook Farm District , seconded by Lisa Embert. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Kee waived his right of veto for the above Expansions.

V. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

VI. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the August 12, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Kevin Coyle moved to approve the August minutes, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Statement for the month of August 2009, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of August 31, 2009, \$563,049.24 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$315.00 from license plates. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$40,673.45. After discussion **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to approve the August 2009 financial statement as presented, seconded by Lisa Embert. Motion unanimously approved.**

VIII. Executive Session – There was no need for an executive session.

IX. Other Business:

The Wilson Farm was discussed. Scott Blaier stated that the no trespassing signs are completely up and that the fence around the cemetery is contracted to be done, and the grass is being cut. Michael McGrath and Michael Parkowski discussed the request for proposal that will be going out. It should be ready by the October meeting for review by the Board.

Robin West and Michael Parkowski told the Board where we stand on the Federal reimbursement on the five properties from PDR 13. Mr. Bobola, Jr. mentioned that a resolution from the Kent County Farm Bureau might be of help.

Michael McGrath mentioned the Century Farm Award Ceremony on October 20th would be at the Dr. Mary Emily Miller Farm in Frederica.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on October 14, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary